

ABSTRACT

A method for detecting the presence of a target polynucleotide or for preventing the transcription or translation of a target polynucleotide is disclosed. The method involves hybridizing a polynucleotide compound to the target polynucleotide. The target polynucleotide can be in single-stranded or in double-stranded form. The polynucleotide compound comprises a polynucleotide and at least two entities attached to the polynucleotide.